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**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
DIRECTORATE OF FISHERIES
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND VETERINARY SERVICES
NEAR PALZOR STADIUM, PS ROAD,
EAST SIKKIM GANGTOK - 737101**

No. 01/Fish

Dated: 19/08/2021

NOTIFICATION

The Government of Sikkim is hereby pleased to declare the reservoirs within the state of Sikkim to be open for fishing activities with immediate effect. The following regulations are hereby notified aiming at scientific development of fishery in the vast and valuable reservoirs resources of the state.

1. Operational Regulations:

- 1.1** The following reservoirs are to be open for fishing activities:
- Reservoir at Chungthang, North Sikkim (Teesta Stage III)
 - Reservoir at Dikchu, East Sikkim (Teesta Stage V)
 - Reservoir at Legship, West Sikkim (Rangit III)
 - Reservoir at Rorathang, East Sikkim

Further, the State Government shall from time to time revise the list of reservoirs to be open for fishing activities.

- 1.2** License will be issued by the Directorate of Fisheries to the interested individual fishermen or fishermen co-operative societies or SHGs for fishing in the reservoirs in accordance with the existing provisions under the Sikkim Fisheries Rules, 1990. Preference shall be given to displaced person/project affected persons who are poor and interested in becoming active fishermen.
- 1.3** Fishing will be allowed in the reservoirs only with the permitted fishing gears under the Sikkim Fisheries Rules, 1990.
- 1.4** No fishing shall be allowed within 500 meters from the dam both upstream as well as downstream.
- 1.5** The fishing operations in the reservoirs shall be done in such a manner as not to endanger the structure of the reservoir in any way.

2. Management Regulations:

- 2.1 The Directorate of Fisheries shall ensure regular stocking of fingerlings of economically important indigenous fish species in various reservoirs of the state for increasing its productivity. Exotic fish species having economic value may also be introduced and stocked to the reservoirs by the Directorate of Fisheries who are having similar habitat – feeding and space.
 - 2.2 Appropriate locations nearby reservoirs will be identified for construction of landing centers. The fish caught by the fishermen shall be landed in these centers where a Fishery Officer deputed for the purpose will verify and record the catch and allow its further marketing by issuing necessary permits.
 - 2.3 The Directorate of Fisheries shall levy 15% royalty fee on the catch in accordance of the market value.
3. Collection of Revenue: All types of revenue generated either by issue of fishing license, collection of royalty fee, or any type of compensation shall be deposited in the Revenue Head: 0405-Fisheries.
 4. Conservation Measures: All conservation measures as per the Sikkim Fisheries Act 1980 shall be strictly enforced by the Directorate of Fisheries in the reservoirs opened for fishing activities henceforth.
 5. Insurance of Active Fishermen: All the Fishermen registered under the Directorate of Fisheries holding a valid license for fishing shall apply for insurance cover under the Group Accident Insurance Scheme (GAIS) of Government of India or any scheme of the Government of Sikkim.

**Secretary,
AH & VS Department.**